

## Rewritten Claims

1. (Once Amended) A method of manufacturing an absorbent and time release material comprising the steps of:

soaking a fibrous material in water to form a first intermediate;

macerating the first intermediate to form a pulp;

forming said pulp into a block;

drying said block in a controlled atmosphere;

impregnating said dried block with a preselected substance;

grinding said impregnated block to form a powdered material.

2. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said pulp comprises cloth fibers.

3. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said pulp comprises cellulose fibers.

4. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said cellulose fibers are dried paper pulp.

5. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said cellulose fibers are short strand wood fibers.

6. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said cellulose fibers are long strand wood fibers.

7. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said cellulose fibers are wood fibers from the processing of wood fiber fluff.

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8. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said substance is selected from the group consisting of: paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products and wax derived from vegetable products.

9. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said substance is selected from the group consisting of: petroleum wax, motor oil and grease.

10. (Once Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said pulp includes powdered waste material selected from the group consisting of: railway ties, telephone poles, creosote, powdered coal, calcium oxalate-solids, KROFTA™ fines, or bark.

Kindly add new Claims 17-29 as follows:

17. (New) A method of manufacturing an absorbent and time release material comprising the steps of:

providing a pulp from a fibrous material;

forming said pulp into a block;

drying said block in a controlled atmosphere;

impregnating said dried block with a preselected substance;

and

grinding said impregnated block to form a powdered material

wherein said preselected substance is selected from the group consisting of paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products, wax derived from vegetable products and petroleum wax, motor oil and grease.

18. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein said pulp includes powdered waste material selected from the group consisting of: railway ties, telephone poles, creosote, powdered coal, calcium oxalate-solids, KROFTA™ fines, or bark.

19. (New) An absorbent and time release material manufactured by a method comprising the steps of:

soaking a fibrous material in water to form a first intermediate;

macerating the first intermediate to form a pulp;  
forming said pulp into a block;  
drying said block in a controlled atmosphere;  
impregnating said dried block with a preselected substance;  
grinding said impregnated block to form a powdered material.

20. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein said pulp comprises cloth fibers.

21. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein said pulp comprises cellulose fibers.

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A 22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein said cellulose fibers are dried paper pulp.

23. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein said cellulose fibers are short strand wood fibers.

24. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein said cellulose fibers are long strand wood fibers.

25. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein said cellulose fibers are wood fibers from the processing of wood fiber fluff.

26. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein said substance is selected from the group consisting of: paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products and wax derived from vegetable products.

27. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein said substance is selected from the group consisting of: petroleum wax, motor oil and grease.

28. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein said pulp includes powdered waste material selected from the group consisting of: railway ties, telephone poles, creosote, powdered coal, calcium oxalate-solids, KROFTA™ fines, or bark.

29. (New) An absorbent and time release material manufactured by a method comprising the steps of :

providing a pulp from a fibrous material;

forming said pulp into a block;

drying said block in a controlled atmosphere;

impregnating said dried block with a preselected substance;

and

A3 grinding said impregnated block to form a powdered material wherein said preselected substance is selected from the group consisting of paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products, wax derived from vegetable products and petroleum wax, motor oil and grease.

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 17-29 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 17, 19, and 29 are independent.

Applicant has added new Claims 17-29 to afford himself a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and Drawings, are directed to the elected claims, and are believed to be allowable for the reasons to be developed below.

The Information Disclosure Statement filed July 16, 2001 was in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1). Attached herewith is a true and correct copy of the papers filed (including a form PTO-1449), together with a stamped PTO postcard receipt indicating the proper filing of these documents. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited documents, and to initial and return the form PTO-1449 indicating that the documents have been considered.